

REMARKS

Upon entry of this response, claims 2, 3, 6-14, 16, 18-22, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 33, and 35-44 would remain pending.

In the final Office Action¹, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 11, 15-17, 22-26, and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,732,134 to Rosenberg et al. ("*Rosenberg*"). The Examiner also objected to claims 6-10, 12-14, 18-21, 27-30, and 35-38. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in these claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner rejection of claims 1-5, 11, 15-17, 22-26, and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Rosenberg*. Applicant also disagrees with the Examiner's statements contained in the Advisory Action dated July 1, 2005.

Nevertheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant cancels claims 1, 4, 5, 15, 17, 23, 26, 31, and 34, and amends objected to claims 8, 12, 13, 20, 29, and 37 to be in independent form by incorporating subject matter of corresponding base claims. Also, Applicant adds new claims 38-41 and 42-44, which correspond to original pending claims 2, 3, and 11. Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment places the Application in condition for allowance.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the proposed amendments to the claims do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Rather, the proposed amendments place this case in condition for allowance. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

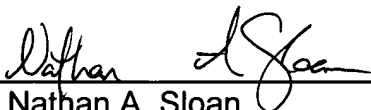
A timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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